

connected in operation, and are not independent within the meaning of MPEP 802.01. Further, the inventions can be used on the same individual over the course of time. The Group I claims can be used for cancer screening, the Group II claims can be used for cancer diagnosis, and the Group III claims can be used for cancer treatment followup. The inventions are therefore related as disclosed, and are further not independent within the meaning of MPEP 802.01 for this reason as well.

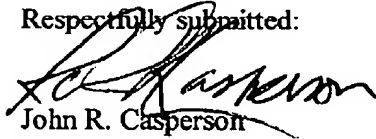
In view of the forgoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and favorable action on all claims is respectfully requested.

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